

# KRISTEN PUGHE GOERTZ



Kristen's connection to Orangewood runs deep—her parents first met at Orangewood Church in 1989. During her time as a student, Kristen served in student government, class salutatorian and varsity cheer captain. She fondly remembers guidance counselor Jennifer Sterling for helping her shine on her college applications and credits her former Orangewood teacher, Dr. Bocciardi for challenging her both academically and spiritually. Her senior year, she was honored with the Christian Leadership Award.



Kristen and Jami (Lash) Walker (OCS '11) celebrated Kristen's baby shower in July 2025. Their parents met in the Orangewood Church singles' group, married a month apart in 1990, and had Kristen and Jami just 10 months apart. Both OCS lifers, Kristen and Jami are now expecting their first daughters—only four months apart!

After graduation, Kristen went on to earn her Bachelor's degree in Marketing from the University of Florida. At UF, she was actively involved in Campus Crusade, where she loved the small group setting with fellow Christians, including familiar Orangewood faces. Professionally, Kristen has dabbled in wedding planning and special events, but mainly worked in across multiple companies, including Darden Restaurants. Today, she serves as the Senior Marketing Manager at Holiday Inn Vacation Club.

In 2023, Kristen married her husband, Donny, and they are joyfully expecting their first daughter in December. She continues to enjoy visiting Orangewood for sporting events and looks back with gratitude for the foundation the school gave her.